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In re Application of

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For: MAGNETIC ALLOY CONTAINING TI02 FOR PERPENDICULAR RECORDING APPLICATION

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated February 21, 2006, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of either:

- Group I. Claims 1 through 11, directed to a magnetic recording medium; or  
Group II. Claims 12 through 20, directed to a method.

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute article claims 1 through 11, directed to a granular magnetic recording medium. Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 11 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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